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SUBJECT: DOWNED KOREAN AIRLINES PLANE

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REFS: (A) MOSCOW 8555, (B) SEOUL 3342.

1. PANAM READILY AGREED TO ASSIST KAL IN THIS MATTER BY PROVIDING AN AIRCRAFT FOR CHARTER TO AIRLIFT PASSENGERS OF DOWNED KAL PLANE OUT OF MURMANSK (PRESUMABLY TO HELSINKI). PANAM HAS CONTACTED KAL IN SEOUL FROM ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEW YORK OFFICE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. (SHOULD THERE BE ANY SLIP IN THIS CONTACT, THE APPROPRIATE PANAM OFFICIAL IS GEORGE DOUBLEDAY IN NEW YORK, 212-632-5041).

2. PANAM HAS A BOEING 727 AND CREW STANDING BY IN BERLIN TO PERFORM THIS MISSION. THE CREW IS PREPARED TO DEPART

ASAP, BUT CANNOT DO SO UNTIL THEY RECEIVE FROM THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES A ROUTE TO AND FROM MURMANSK, RADIO FREQUENCIES AND RUNWAY SPECIFICATIONS. THEY ALSO NEED TO KNOW WHETHER A SOVIET ESCORT WILL BE ENPLANED. IF SO, THEY PREFER THAT ESCORT BOARD IN BERLIN.

3. PANAM HAS NO CONTACTS OR EXPERIENCE IN ARRANGING A NON-SCHEDULED FLIGHT INTO THE SOVIET UNION, AND THEREFORE THE ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY MOSCOW WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 2. THE EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH MFA IMMEDIATELY TO REQUEST THESE ARRANGEMENTS, AND PASS VIA USMISSION BERLIN WHATEVER INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED TO PANAM'S CHIEF PILOT IN BERLIN, JACK TETERS, WHO WILL BE IN COMMAND OF THE MURMANSK FLIGHT. HIS TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: HOME 811-5400; OFFICE 413-6021. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TETERS HAS ALREADY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH USMISSION BERLIN.

4. WE HAVE PROPOSED TO THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT THAT STATE DEPARTMENT KOREAN AFFAIRS OFFICER FRANZ MISCH (RUSSIAN SPEAKER) ACCOMPANY THE RELIEF FLIGHT, AND EMBASSY MOSCOW SHOULD INFORM THE SOVIETS OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF HIS BEING ON BOARD.

5. WE ALSO NEED TO KNOW WHETHER THE INJURED PASSENGERS ARE LIKELY TO REQUIRE MEDICAL TREATMENT OR MEDICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESCORT ON THE EVACUATION FLIGHT TO HELSINKI. WE ASSUME ALL VISA REQUIREMENTS WILL BE WAIVED FOR CREW AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONNEL.

6. FOR BERLIN: WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU MOSCOW 8555 WHICH CONTAINS ESSENTIAL BACKGROUND. REQUEST YOU URGE PANAM TO DESPATCH MEDICAL OFFICER WITH FLIGHT.

7. ALL ADDRESSEES PLEASE KEEP ALL PARTIES INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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